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Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"May I know whether according to the latest Government Order, every deviation from the original estimate is required to be sanctioned by the Electrical Inspector?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Not 'sanctioned'. It is to be approved by him. Sanction has to be accorded by the Government."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"If work is proceeded with on such estimate without his approval, would not the cost be surcharged on the local bodies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No. The municipal council or the local body concerned has the power of making representations again to the Government."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether the hon. the Law Member is prepared to examine the question as to whether the Electrical Inspector is not rejecting the electrical material supplied by the contractors on very flimsy grounds?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I shall make enquiries, Sir."

Qualifications and duties of the Junior Electrical Inspector.

*391 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a qualified Assistant Electrical Inspector has now been appointed by the Government; if so, what his duties are;

(b) if so, whether it is his intention to divide the districts between the Electrical Inspector and the Assistant Electrical Inspector and place both these people under the supervision of the Chief Engineer or the Hydro-Electric Expert?

A.—(a) A Junior Electrical Inspector has been appointed to assist the Electrical Inspector generally in inspection and office work.

(b) No.

Constitution of Districts and Divisions

Cancellation of the bifurcation of Kistna district.

*392 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Collectors of Kistna and West Godavari have made any proposals to Government to cancel the bifurcation of Kistna district into Kistna and West Godavari districts;

(b) whether any correspondence is going on between the Government, the Revenue Board and the Collectors about the cancellation of the said bifurcation; and

(c) whether the construction of any of the buildings at Ellore has been ordered to be stopped pending the settlement of the question of the re-union of Kistna and West Godavari?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 212 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 10th August 1929.

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, Sir, whether the buildings at Ellore are in course of construction, and what progress has been made ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I believe, Sir, that buildings are under construction, but I am afraid I am not able to inform the hon. Member exactly what progress has been made. I should like to have notice."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know if, after the bifurcation of the Kistna district, any report was received regarding the satisfactory nature of the bifurcation from the point of view of administration ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I am not aware of it, Sir. I do not think the Government received any such report."

Proposed abolition of the Polavaram division, East Godavari.

* 393 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that certain proposals were made to abolish Polavaram division in East Godavari Agency and to include Yellavaram subdivision in Peddapur taluk, Chodavaram subdivision in Rajahmundry taluk, and Polavaram subdivision in Bhadrachalam division ;

(*b*) what the reasons are ;

(*c*) whether any opinions have been called for ;

(*d*) from whom ;

(*e*) whether any have been received ; and

(*f*) if so, from whom ?

A.—(*a*) Proposals have been received for the abolition of the Polavaram Agency division and for the inclusion of the three Deputy Tahsildars' divisions comprised in it, in three other revenue divisions, namely, Yellavaram Deputy Tahsildar's division in Peddapur revenue division, Chodavaram Deputy Tahsildar's division in Rajahmundry revenue division, and Polavaram Deputy Tahsildar's division in Bhadrachalam revenue division.

(*b*) The proposals are supported by the geographical and economic considerations and are in accordance with the natural lines of communications.

(*c*), (*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) The Board of Revenue has been asked to invite objections from the ryots, to call for the opinions of the local boards, and to submit detailed proposals. A petition on the subject received from the inhabitants of Polavaram has been forwarded to the Board of Revenue. The Board's report is awaited.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table all the papers containing the proposals for the abolition of the Polavaram Agency division ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I will consider the suggestion, Sir. I take it that the hon. Member means the papers already received."